

the last paragraph of page 6 and continuing into page 7. There is nothing in the cited reference of Armstrong et al. which indicates that the bending lines therein are constant, as this is not the focus of Armstrong et al. reference. In fact, a careful examination of Figs. 1, 2, 11 and 12 appear to show that the lengths of the bending line are different. It appears from the figures that the lengths of the bending lines are proportional to the size of the teeth, and since the teeth are different sizes, the lengths of the bending lines also appear to be different. Therefore, claim 15 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 17-19 have been added to further clarify the invention. For at least the reason that claim 15 is believed to be allowable, claims 17-19 are also believed to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendment, reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 15 and 17-19, as now presented, are respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Response and Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME COMISKY & McCUALEY LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000004-00634). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required in either the present application or the parent

application to render this Amendment timely, the Applicant herewith petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

15. (Twice Amended) A band saw blade, comprising:

at least a first left set tooth which is bent along a first bending line extending in a moving direction of the band saw blade to cut a workpiece;

at least a second right set tooth which is bent along a second bending line extending in the moving direction;

at least a third left set tooth which is bent along a third bending line extending in the moving direction; and

at least a fourth right set tooth which is bent along a fourth bending line extending in the moving direction;

wherein the band saw blade is formed with a sequence of the first left set tooth, the second right set tooth, the third left set tooth and the fourth right set tooth;

wherein pitches in the moving direction among the first left set tooth, the second right set tooth, the third left set tooth and the fourth right set tooth are different from one another;

wherein respective lengths of the first bending line, the second bending line, the third bending line and the fourth bending line are [substantially] the same;

wherein a straight imaginary line which is drawn by connecting tip ends of all the first to the fourth set teeth is parallel to the moving direction;

wherein said first bending line, said second bending line, said third bending line and said fourth bending line are collinear with a single baseline, and wherein bottoms of gullets between the teeth are disposed below the single baseline.